

[19th August 1925]

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—"The Government have no information. But I believe that the benefit of the improvement will go to the taluk board."

Sriman SASIBHUSHAN RATH Mahasayo :—"First of all the taluk board money was spent on the president's private land in order to appreciate the value of the land. What money has been paid as also for improving the land itself?"

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—"I am sorry the hon. Member is labouring under a mistake. No price was paid."

Sriman SASIBHUSHAN RATH Mahasayo :—"Was it transferred as a gift, a free gift?"

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—"Yes."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—"Was it a vacant land?"

Contribution to the Andhra Jatheeya Kalasala by the Chatrapur taluk board.

* 99 Q.—Sriman SASIBHUSHAN RATH Mahasayo: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the taluk board of Chatrapur, Ganjam district, sanctioned a sum of Rs. 25 for the Andhra Jatheeya Kalasala, Masulipatam; and

(b) whether objection has been raised to the said grant on the ground that it is not an institution recognized by Government?

A.—(a) & (b) The answer is in the affirmative.

Mr. P. ANJANEYULU :—"May I know if the Government was not making a contribution to this Kalasala?"

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—"They have been making the contribution. But the Director of Public Instruction since reported that it did not deserve the contribution."

Mr. C. RAMALINGA REDDI :—"I was told that the Minister was going to reconsider the question."

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—"Yes, if an application is made, it will be considered on its merits."

Alleged issue of surcharge certificate against certain municipal councillors of Tirupati.

* 100 Q.—Sriman SASIBHUSHAN RATH Mahasayo: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether a surcharge certificate has been issued by the Examiner of Local Fund Accounts against six municipal councillors of Tirupati in respect of a sum of Rs. 5-8-0 expended by the council for a telegram to Mahatma Gandhi regarding his grave illness in January 1924;

(b) the reason why the surcharge order was issued; and

(c) whether the Municipal Council, Tirupati, has protested against such surcharge?